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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below for clarifying the complete listing of claim status. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Howard Silverman on May 26, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-8 (CANCELLED)

Claim 9 (Original) An electronic children's educational toy comprising:

a fishing pole device including a rod member and a hook member;

a plurality of objects, each of said objects including a plurality of object contact elements wherein two or more of such contact elements are connected to one another to form a contact pattern which serves to uniquely identify each object, wherein each of said objects includes an aperture configured so as to accept engagement of said hook member when said hook member is placed in physical contact with said object;

an identification member associated with said hook member, said identification member including a plurality of member contact elements configured such that at least two of said member contact elements come into electrical contact with at least two of said object contact elements when said hook member is placed in physical contact with one of said objects;

a processing unit associated with said fishing pole device, wherein said processing unit is in direct electrical contact with said identification member and said processing unit is capable of

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detecting the object contact pattern in physical contact with said identification member, thereby determining the identification of the particular object in physical contact with said hook member.

Claim 10 (Original) The electronic children's educational toy according to claim 9, further comprising a means of providing information to the user by at least one of audio, visual and tactile means, said information corresponding to the identification of the particular object in physical contact with said hook member.

Claim 11 (Original) The electronic children's educational toy according to claim 10, wherein the means of providing information to the user by at least one of audio, visual and tactile means comprises computer-generated human speech.

Claim 12 (Original) The electronic children's educational toy according to claim 10, wherein the means of providing information to the user by at least one of audio, visual or tactile means comprises movement of said hook member relative to said rod member.

Claims 13-14 (CANCELLED)

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cameron Saadat whose telephone number is (571) 272-4443. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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